

What is claimed is:

1 1. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 on which a group of customers being a first party
3 and having common personal data except at least name
4 engages a single collective contract or a plurality
5 of individual contracts with a second party, said
6 apparatus comprising:

7 a display;

8 a display controller for controlling said
9 display so as to show on its screen a primary input
10 screen image, through which the personal data of a
11 representative customer of the group is to be input
12 as first registration data, and an auxiliary input
13 screen image, through which at least the name of each
14 of the remaining customers of the group is to be input
15 as second registration data; and

16 a contract processor for processing and
17 executing the single collective contract or the
18 individual contracts with respect to the plural
19 customers based on said first registration data input
20 through said primary input screen image and said
21 second registration data input through said auxiliary
22 input screen image.

1 2. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 1, further comprising an input

3 assisting section for assisting in inputting the
4 personal data of the individual remaining customer
5 of the group using part of said first registration
6 data which part is common to the group.

1 3. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 1, further comprising a screen
3 image switch for instructing said display controller
4 so as to switch screen images on the screen of said
5 display from said primary input screen image to said
6 auxiliary input screen image.

1 4. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 2, further comprising an input
3 assisting actuator for instructing said input
4 assisting section to input the common personal data
5 of said first registration data as the personal data
6 of the individual remaining customer of the group
7 in response to the instructions of said input
8 assisting actuator.

1 5. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 2, further comprising a screen
3 image switch for instructing said display controller
4 so as to switch screen images on the screen of said
5 display from said primary input screen image to said
6 auxiliary input screen image.

1 6. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 4, wherein the common personal
3 data of said first registration data to be input as
4 part of the personal data of the individual remaining
5 customer is a family name of the representative
6 customer if the group is a family.

1 7. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 4, further comprising a screen
3 image switch for instructing said display controller
4 so as to switch screen images on the screen of said
5 display from said primary input screen image to said
6 auxiliary input screen image.

1 8. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 6, further comprising a screen
3 image switch for instructing said display controller
4 so as to switch screen images on the screen of said
5 display from said primary input screen image to said
6 auxiliary input screen image.

1 9. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 on which a group of customers being a first party
3 engages a single collective contract or a plurality
4 of individual contracts with a second party, said
5 apparatus comprising:
6 a display ;

7 a display controller for controlling said
8 display so as to show on its screen a primary input
9 screen image, through which the personal data of a
10 representative customer of the group is to be input
11 as first registration data, and an auxiliary input
12 screen image, through which at least the number of
13 the remaining customers of the group is to be input
14 as second registration data; and

15 a contract processor for processing and
16 executing the single collective contract or the
17 individual contracts with respect to the plural
18 customers based on said first registration data input
19 through said primary input screen image and said
20 second registration data input through said auxiliary
21 input screen image.

1 10. An automated contract engaging apparatus
2 according to claim 9, further comprising a screen
3 image switch for instructing said display controller
4 so as to switch screen images on the screen of said
5 display from said primary input screen image to said
6 auxiliary input screen image.

1 11. An automated contract engaging method in
2 which a group of customers being a first party and
3 having common personal data except at least name
4 engages a single collective contract or a plurality

5 of individual contracts with a second party on an
6 automated contract engaging apparatus including a
7 display, said method comprising the steps of:

8 (a) inputting the personal data of a
9 representative customer of the group as first
10 registration data;

11 (b) inputting at least the name of each of the
12 remaining customers of the group as second
13 registration data; and

14 (c) processing and executing the single
15 collective contract or the individual contracts with
16 respect to the plural customers based on said first
17 registration data input in the first-named inputting
18 step (a) and said second registration data input in
19 the second-named inputting step (b).

1 12. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 11, further comprising the step
3 of (d) inputting the common personal data of the
4 individual remaining customer of the group using part
5 of said first registration data which part is common
6 to the group.

1 13. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 11, wherein
3 said first registration data is input through
4 a primary input screen image shown on the display,

5 in the first-named inputting step (a); and
6 said second registration data is input through
7 an auxiliary input screen image shown on the screen
8 of the display, in the second-named inputting step
9 (b).

1 14. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 12, wherein the part of said first
3 registration data is input as part of the personal
4 data of the individual remaining customer of the group
5 in response to the instructions of an input assisting
6 actuator associated with the display of the
7 apparatus.

1 15. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 12, wherein
3 said first registration data is input through
4 a primary input screen image shown on the display,
5 in the first-named inputting step (a); and
6 said second registration data is input through
7 an auxiliary input screen image shown on the screen
8 of the display, in the second-named inputting step
9 (b).

1 16. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 13, further comprising the step
3 of (d) switching screen images on the screen of the

4 display from said primary input screen image to said
5 auxiliary input screen image in response to the
6 instructions of a screen image switch associated with
7 the display.

1 17. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 14, wherein the common personal
3 data of said first registration data to be input as
4 part of the personal data of the individual remaining
5 customer is a family name of the representative
6 customer if the group is a family.

1 18. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 14, wherein
3 said first registration data is input through
4 a primary input screen image shown on the display,
5 in the first-named inputting step (a); and
6 said second registration data is input through
7 an auxiliary input screen image shown on the screen
8 of the display, in the second-named inputting step
9 (b).

1 19. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 15, further comprising the step
3 of (d) switching screen images on the screen of the
4 display from said primary input screen image to said
5 auxiliary input screen image in response to the

6 instructions of a screen image switch associated with
7 the display.

1 20. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 17, wherein
3 said first registration data is input through
4 a primary input screen image shown on the display,
5 in the first-named inputting step (a); and
6 said second registration data is input through
7 an auxiliary input screen image shown on the screen
8 of the display, in the second-named inputting step
9 (b).

1 21. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 18, further comprising the step
3 of (d) switching screen images on the screen of the
4 display from said primary input screen image to said
5 auxiliary input screen image in response to the
6 instructions of a screen image switch associated with
7 the display.

1 22. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 20, further comprising the step
3 of (d) switching screen images on the screen of the
4 display from said primary input screen image to said
5 auxiliary input screen image in response to the
6 instructions of a screen image switch associated with

7 the display.

1 23. An automated contract engaging method in
2 which a group of customers being a first party engages
3 a single collective contract or a plurality of
4 individual contracts with a second party on an
5 automated contract engaging apparatus including a
6 display, said method comprising the steps of:

7 (a) inputting the personal data of a
8 representative customer of the group as first
9 registration data;

10 (b) inputting at least the number of the
11 remaining customers of the group as second
12 registration data; and

13 (c) processing and executing the single
14 collective contract or the individual contracts with
15 respect to the plural customers based on said first
16 registration data input in the first-named inputting
17 step (a) and said second registration data input in
18 the second-named inputting step (b).

1 24. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 23, wherein

3 said first registration data is input through
4 a primary input screen image shown on the display,
5 in the first-named inputting step (a); and

6 said second registration data is input through

7 an auxiliary input screen image shown on the screen
8 of the display, in the second-named inputting step
9 (b).

1 25. An automated contract engaging method
2 according to claim 24, further comprising the step
3 of (d) switching screen images on the screen of the
4 display from said primary input screen image to said
5 auxiliary input screen image in response to the
6 instructions of a screen image switch associated with
7 the display.

1 26. A computer-readable recording medium
2 which records an automated contract engaging program
3 for instructing a computer to function as internal
4 or external part of an automated contract engaging
5 apparatus which has a display and on which a group
6 of customers being a first party and having common
7 personal data except at least name engages a single
8 collective contract or a plurality of individual
9 contracts with a second party, wherein said program
10 instructs the computer to function as the following:
11 of the apparatus
12 a display controller for controlling the
13 display so as to show on its screen a primary input
14 screen image, through which the personal data of a
15 representative customer of the group is to be input

16 as first registration data, and an auxiliary input
17 screen image, through which at least the name of each
18 of the remaining customers of the group is to be input
19 as second registration data; and

20 a contract processor for processing and
21 executing the single collective contract or the
22 individual contracts with respect to the plural
23 customers based on said first registration data input
24 through said primary input screen image and said
25 second registration data input through said auxiliary
26 input screen image.

1 27. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 26, wherein said program further
3 instructs the computer to function as an input
4 assisting section for assisting in inputting the
5 common personal data of the individual remaining
6 customer of the group using part of said first
7 registration data which part is common to the group.

1 28. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 26, wherein said display
3 controller controls the display so as to switch screen
4 images on the screen of the display from said primary
5 input screen image to said auxiliary input screen
6 image in response to the instructions of the screen
7 image switch.

1 29. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 27, wherein said input assisting
3 section inputs part of said first registration data
4 as part of the personal data of the individual
5 remaining customer of the group in response to the
6 instructions of an input assisting actuator
7 associated with the display of the apparatus.

1 30. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 27, wherein said display
3 controller controls the display so as to switch screen
4 images on the screen of the display from said primary
5 input screen image to said auxiliary input screen
6 image in response to the instructions of the screen
7 image switch.

1 31. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 29, wherein the common personal
3 data of said first registration data to be input as
4 part of the personal data of the individual remaining
5 customer is a family name of the representative
6 customer if the group is a family.

1 32. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 29, wherein said display
3 controller controls the display so as to switch screen
4 images on the screen of the display from said primary

5 input screen image to said auxiliary input screen
6 image in response to the instructions of the screen
7 image switch.

1 33. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 31, wherein said display
3 controller controls the display so as to switch screen
4 images on the screen of the display from said primary
5 input screen image to said auxiliary input screen
6 image in response to the instructions of the screen
7 image switch.

1 34. An automated contract engaging program for
2 instructing a computer to perform as internal and/or
3 external part of an automated contract engaging
4 apparatus which has a display and on which a group
5 of customers being a first party engages a single
6 collective contract with a second party, wherein said
7 program instructs the computer to function as the
8 following:

9 of the apparatus
10 a display controller for controlling the
11 display so as to show on its screen a primary input
12 screen image, through which the personal data of a
13 representative customer of the group is to be input
14 as first registration data, and an auxiliary input
15 screen image, through which at least the number of

16 the remaining customers of the group is to be input
17 as second registration data; and
18 a contract processor for processing and
19 executing the single collective contract with respect
20 to the plural customers based on said first
21 registration data input through said primary input
22 screen image and said second registration data input
23 through said auxiliary input screen image.

1 35. An automated contract engaging program
2 according to claim 34, wherein said display
3 controller controls the display so as to switch screen
4 images on the screen of the display from said primary
5 input screen image to said auxiliary input screen
6 image in response to the instructions of the screen
7 image switch.